

AP European History Imperialism Project

Causes and Effects of Imperialism

The late 19th century and early 20th century was a time of great change in European society. As nations were formed and industrialization fostered a global economy, the quest for raw materials and markets led some European nations to dominate foreign lands. European colonialism by the British, French, Italians, Germans, Belgians, Portuguese, and Spanish had a significant impact on native populations and the political, social, and economic development of their lands in places including Africa, India, and China. There were both positive and negative effects for the native populations.

Your task for this project is to assess the impact of European colonialism in a particular area. Your findings will be paired with others studying the same region or imperialist power in a class presentation. The combined work on your assigned topic will be presented in class.

There will be limited class time (two days) to work on your component. Keep in mind that this is an AP course and an AP project. Substantial depth is expected for this project. Your component presentation should include a graphic of some sort (poster, slide, handout), and a thorough explanation of your topic. The information should be committed to memory (note cards allowed), but **NOT READ** from anything. This project will be graded individually out of a possible 20 points.

Specific information for each nation or region

Topic	Information needed
Overview of Imperialism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General motives of those involved, including Social Darwinism• Maps of where and when – general overview including Scramble for Africa map• Role of technology• General positive and negative effects• Berlin Conference – cause and effect• Critics of imperialism – who, why• J.A. Hobson and his economic view
Imperialism in India	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• British rule – how and why• Jewel of the Crown – why• Sepoy Rebellion – why• Indian National Congress• Positive and negative impact of imperialism

<p>Great Britain as an imperialist power</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where did it develop colonies and why • Suez Canal – where, why, how (politically) • How was India governed • Uprisings against British imperialism (Sepoy, Boxer Rebellions) • Cecil Rhodes and his role • Henry Stanley and his role • Fashoda Incident – what and why • Involvement in Egypt – cause and effects • The Boer War – who, what, when, where, why – explain how this was an extension of imperialism
<p>Imperialism in Africa</p> <p>Case study: Imperialism in the Congo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa in general – who, where, why • Positive and negative effects (general) • The Congo – why was it desired and how was it ruled • King Leopold II – what was his role, was it unusual • Outcome of the Berlin Conference on the Belgian Congo
<p>Imperialism in China</p> <p>Imperialism in Japan and beyond</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who were the imperialist powers there & why • Chinese view of foreigners and why • Boxer Rebellion – cause & effects • Opium Wars – cause and effects • Treaty of Nanking (1842) • Spheres of influence – who, what and why • US Open Door Policy • Matthew Perry • Meiji Restoration • Japanese imperialism